

Appl. No. 09/915,865

Attorney Docket No. 2009-174 (81841.0155)
Customer No. 26021

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Richard R. Sharpe, Jr., et al.

Serial No.: 09/915,865

Confirmation No.: 7692

Filed: July 26, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
OBJECT-ORIENTED REAL-TIME
MECHANICAL CONTROL OF
AUTOMATED CHEMISTRY
INSTRUMENTS

Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Brian J. Sines

I hereby certify that this correspondence
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February 28, 2006

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Signature

Date

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY
EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated
November 30, 2005 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 7, 8, and 10-14.
The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ A ___-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection is hereby
requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is enclosed with the proper fee.
2. ☒ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841
O.G. 1411.
3. The application is on behalf of

☐ a small entity

Applicants claims small entity status.

☒ other than a small entity.

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☒ Fee ☐ \$250 ☒ \$500☐ enclosed.☐ not required (fee paid in prior appeal).☒ charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1314 if any additional fees are required.

(An additional copy of this Notice is enclosed.)

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 28, 2006

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